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Dear Clarence,

On the occasion of your retirement, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the State Engineer, the Division of Water Rights, the Distribution Section staff, and the Cedar City Regional Office staff to thank you for your 3 years of service as Deputy Water Commissioner for the East Fork Virgin River Distribution System. Your experience in monitoring the river diversions and the water users will both be sorely missed.

We hope you can continue to provide sage advice about river operations to the new Water Commissioner Jeff Medlin when the need arises. We know he would appreciate the perspectives you have from your experiences on the River.

The position of Deputy Water Commissioner is a demanding and sometimes thankless responsibility, and yet, in my experience, you have always carried the responsibility with dignity and diplomacy. Your involvement with water regulation on the East Fork Virgin River has ensured a consistently orderly and equitable distribution of water.

The job of Deputy Water Commissioner was made more difficult by the very nature of the river itself, which has presented many challenges over the years from periods of drought to periods of flooding. Your experience with the river, the area, and the people has allowed you to provide invaluable assistance in meeting these challenges.

Again, our many thanks for the service you have rendered to the East Fork Virgin water users and to the State of Utah. I especially appreciate your diligent efforts and the great personal association we have had through our time spent together on the East Fork.

Sincerely,

Mike Silva  
Distribution Engineer for Field Services

Cc: Cedar City Regional Office

